

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, For the fourth consecutive year, Documents & Design in North Sioux City, South Dakota, is partnering with KMEG 14 and Fox 44, local television stations, to sponsor the Books for Budding Brains Book Drive; and,

Whereas, The mission of Books for Budding Brains is to collect and distribute new or gently-used books to needy children in Southeast South Dakota, Northwest Iowa, and Northeast Nebraska; and,

Whereas, Books for Budding Brains is more than just delivering books, the program offers a message of hope to show our children that the capacity of their minds is not limited by economic situation; and,

Whereas, If provided adequate access to books, any child can develop their brain through reading; and,

Whereas, In the first three years of the program, Books for Budding Brains has collected and distributed an incredible 11,000 books at various events and activities; and,

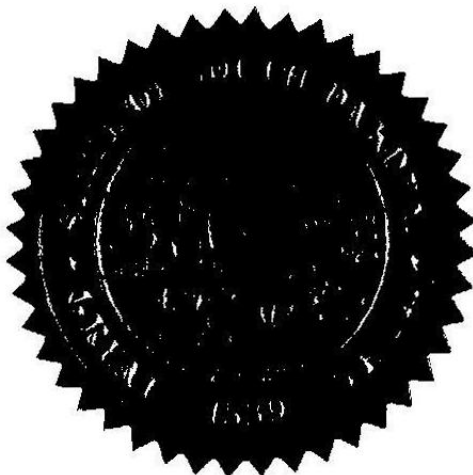
Whereas, Last year, Books for Budding Brains was expanded to include reading sessions at local elementary schools; and,

Whereas, The Books for Budding Brains Book Drive has made a difference on a fundamental level by supporting literacy and education for our children:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 22, 2012, as

BOOKS FOR BUDDING BRAINS DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State